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SUMMARY: IN WHAT WE BELIEVE WAS A FRUITFUL AND HOPEFULLY
FINAL NEGOTIATION SESSION ON AIT, MISSION REPS OBTAINED
AGREEMENT FROM GENERAL KRIANGSAK ON BASIC TERMS OF PURCHASE
WHICH MEET USG REQUIREMENTS AND FOR WHICH WE EXPECT
KRIANGSAK WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN RTG CONCURRENCE. END
SUMMARY.

1. AS WE EXPECTED, GENERAL KRIANGSAK APPEARED FOR THIS
MORNING'S NEGOTIATIONS PREPARED TO WIND UP AIT NEGOTIATIONS.
HE CONTINUED, HOWEVER, TO PRESS FOR BETTER TERMS AND
REPEATEDLY APPEALED TO USG AS FRIENDS OF THAILAND TO
SYMPATHIZE WITH THE EXTREMELY TIGHT BUDGETARY SITUATION
OF THE RTG. HE MADE A FEW PROPOSALS WHICH WE EXPLAINED
WERE SIMPLY NOT FEASIBLE UNDER OUR STATUTORY LIMITATIONS.

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2. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS ON THE SIZE OF ANNUAL

COMMITMENTS WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE THE AIT, WE FELT IT WAS APPROPRIATE TO BROACH THE POSSIBILITY OF NINE-YEAR REPAYMENT PERIOD FOR FMS CREDITS APPLIED TO THE PURCHASE OF AIT. THIS APPARENTLY REMOVED A KEY BLOCK IN KRIANGSAK'S MIND, ALTHOUGH IT WAS PROBABLY AS IMPORTANT AS A GESTURE OF USG WILLINGNESS TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE AS IT WAS A FINANCIAL INCENTIVE.

3. WE NOW HAVE KIRANGSAK'S AGREEMENT TO AN INITIAL PURCHASE OF \$9.5 MILLION IN FY -76, USING FMS CREDITS, AND TO PURCHASE OF THE REMAINDER WITHIN THE THREE-YEAR TIME FRAME AS DISCUSSED IN REFTELS. HE AGREED ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT FMS CREDITS COULD BE USED, IF AVAILABLE, AND THAT A NINE-YEAR PAYBACK WAS POSSIBLE.

4. KRIANGSAK INDICATED HE WOULD NEED ABOUT A WEEK TO 10 DAYS TO GET APPROPRIATE RTG ENDORSEMENTS AND THAT HE SAW NO REASON WHY WE COULD NOT SIGN THE SPEARATE CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS (CHIANG MAI SEISMIC RESEARCH STATION, ICS AND AIT) WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

5. JUSMAG AND RTA NEGOTIATORS ARE PRESENTLY REVIEWING THE PROSPECTIVE REPAYMENT SCHEDULES AND FINAL TEXTS REGARDING AIT, WHICH WE WILL FORWARD SEPARATELY.
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